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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Bin Zhao  
Maureen R. Brongp  
Atty Docket No.: 60944.1417  
Serial No.: ~~09/317536~~ **09/317536** Client Ref: 97RSS256-DIV  
Filed: May 24, 1999 Group Art Unit: 2812  
TITLE: INTERCONNECT WITH LOW DIELECTRIC CONSTANT INSULATORS  
FOR SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT MANUFACTURING

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby timely respond to the office action dated December 10, 1999, within the three-month shortened statutory period to respond. Please amend the captioned application as follows.

**In The Specification**

Page 4, line 9, after "contact", please insert --resistance--.

Page 14, line 24, please delete "5A-5H" and insert therefore --5A-5I--.

Page 14, line 26, please delete "crpss-sectional" and insert therefore --cross-sectional--.

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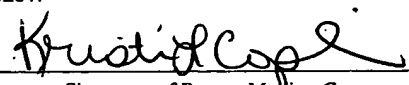
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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>			Docket No. 60944.1417		
Applicant(s): <b>Bin Zhao and Maureen R. Brongo</b>					
Serial No. 09/314,536	Filing Date May 24, 1999	Examiner Tom Thomas	Group Art Unit 2812		
Invention: <b>INTERCONNECT WITH LOW DIELECTRIC CONSTANT INSULATORS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT MANUFACTURING</b>					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Cynthia L. Pillote - Reg. No. 42,999 Snell & Wilmer LLP One Arizona Center 400 E. Van Buren Street Phoenix, AZ 85004-2202 (602) 382-6296			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <b>March 9, 2000</b> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</p><div style="text-align: center;"> _____ Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</div><div style="text-align: center;"><b>Kristi L. Coplin</b> _____ Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</div></div>		
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